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CORN, SOYBEANS AND HAY ACREAGE UP WHEAT ACREAGE DOWN

A March 1 intention survey conducted by the Ohio Agricultural Statistics service indicates that State farmers intend to plant slightly more corn and soybeans in 2005 compared to the 2004 crop season, while reducing the amount of winter wheat acreage.

The State's **corn** producers intend to plant 3.40 million acres this Spring, 50,000 acres more than were planted the previous year. **Soybean** acreage is forecast at 4.50 million acres, also up 50,000 acres from 2004.

Winter wheat planted acreage is forecast at 840,000 acres, unchanged from the December forecast, but 80,000 acres less than was seeded the previous year. The State's **oat** acreage is expected to remain unchanged from 2004 with 65,000 intended acres. The State's **barley** acreage is forecast to also stay at the 2004 level of 5,000 acres.

Ohio **hay** producers expected to harvest a total of 1.25 million acres, a 5 percent increase from the previous year. This includes alfalfa, grain, and all other types of hay. The State's **tobacco** producers intend to harvest 4,500 acres in 2005, down 1,100 acres from 2004, and if realized will be the least amount of acreage on record. The elimination of the tobacco program is the main reason for the expected decline.

U.S. corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 81.4 million acres, up 1 percent from 2004 and 4 percent above 2003.

If realized, this would be largest corn acreage since 1985. Expected acreage is up from last year throughout much of the Corn Belt and southern Great Plains. However, growers in most States in the Delta, Southeast, and northern Great Plains intend to decrease their corn acreage.

U.S. soybean producers intend to plant 73.9 million acres in 2005, down 2 percent from last year's record high acreage. Of the 31 soybean producing States, growers in 16 States intend to plant fewer acres this year, while producers in 11 States intend to plant more acres than in 2004.

U.S. winter wheat planted area for 2005 is forecast at 41.6 million acres, down 4 percent from 2004. Of the total, about 30.5 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 6.6 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 4.5 million acres are White Winter.

U.S. barley growers intend to plant 3.97 million acres for 2005, down 12 percent from last year and, if realized, the lowest since barley planted acreage estimates began in 1926. U.S. hay producers expect to harvest 62.9 million acres of all hay in 2005, up 2 percent from last year. U.S. oat acreage seeded and to be seeded for the 2005 crop year are expected to total 4.27 million acres, up 4 percent from last year's planted area. Burley tobacco, at 108,300 acres, is down 30 percent from a year ago and 29 percent below two years ago.

AREA PLANTED IN 2004 & INTENTIONS TO PLANT IN 2005, OHIO & U.S.

Crop	Ohio			United States		
	2004	2005	05/04	2004	2005	05/04
	Thousand Acres		Percent	Thousand Acres		Percent
Corn	3,350	3,400	101	80,930	81,413	101
Soybeans	4,450	4,500	101	75,208	73,910	98
Winter Wheat	920	840	91	43,350	41,613	96
All Wheat	920	840	91	59,674	58,592	98
Oats Planted	65	65	100	4,085	4,267	104
Barley	5	5	100	4,527	3,974	88
Sugarbeets	1.8	-	-	1,346.0	1,299.0	97
All Hay	1,190	1,250	105	61,916	62,940	102
Tobacco	5.6	4.5	80	409.1	319.9	78

OHIO CORN AND SOYBEAN PRICES CONTINUE TO CLIMB

The March winter wheat price of \$3.42 is up 55 cents from February but 39 cents below the price received at the same time last year. Corn at \$2.13 is up 16 cents from February but 70 cents below the \$2.83 per bushel price received in March 2004. The March soybean price of \$6.45 is up \$1.06 from the February price but \$2.97 less than was received at the same time last year. The alfalfa hay price in March of \$142.00 per ton is up \$22.00 per ton from February and \$26.00 per ton higher than was received in March 2004. Other hay at \$67.00 per ton is down \$1.00 from February but \$18.00 above the price received last year at this time.

Beef cattle prices in Ohio averaged \$82.70 per cwt. in March, up \$3.20 per cwt. from February and \$6.60 per cwt. higher than the previous March. The steer and heifer price at \$86.00 per cwt. rose \$3.00 from February and is \$6.10 higher than in March of 2004. Calves, at \$115.00 per cwt. are up \$6.00 from the previous month and \$17.50 per cwt. higher than they were a year ago. Ohio's March hog price of \$47.90 per cwt., is down \$1.50 per

cwt. from February and 30 cents per cwt. less than the 2004 March price of \$48.20 per cwt. The March barrow and gilt price of \$48.00 per cwt. is down \$1.60 from the previous month, and 80 cents below the March 2004 average price. The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 118, based on 1990-92=100, is 4 points (3.5 percent) above the February Index. The Crop Index is up 7 points (6.6 percent) while the Livestock Index is up 3 points (2.5 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for cattle, soybeans, lettuce, and corn. Lower prices were received for strawberries, grapefruit, apples, and eggs. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of strawberries, dairy, broilers, and tomatoes offset decreased marketings of cattle, corn, oranges, and cotton. This preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 3 points (2.5 percent) from March 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 122, is 4 points (3.4 percent) above last month but down 1 point (0.8 percent) from March 2004.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES, OHIO AND UNITED STATES, MARCH 2005 WITH COMPARISONS

Commodity ^{1/}	Unit	Ohio			U.S.
		Mar. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Mar. 2005
Winter Wheat	Bu. \$	3.81	2.87	3.42	3.44
Corn	Bu. \$	2.83	1.97	2.13	2.03
Soybeans	Bu. \$	9.42	5.39	6.45	6.28
Oats	Bu. \$	1.94	1.95	/5	1.60
All Hay ^{2/}	Ton \$	94.00	102.00	117.00	89.10
Alfalfa Hay	Ton \$	116.00	120.00	142.00	96.40
Other Hay	Ton \$	49.00	68.00	67.00	70.40
Potatoes	Cwt \$	5.10	7.20	6.05	6.16
Apples	Lb. \$	0.278	0.300	0.300	0.186
Tobacco	Lb. \$	/5	1.965	/5	1.990
Hogs	Cwt \$	48.20	49.40	47.90	51.50
Sows	Cwt \$	40.80	46.30	45.00	43.80
Barrows & gilts	Cwt \$	48.80	49.60	48.00	51.80
All Beef	Cwt \$	76.10	79.50	82.70	91.90
Cows	Cwt \$	41.60	48.00	53.00	53.60
Steers & Heifers	Cwt \$	79.90	83.00	86.00	96.30
Calves	Cwt \$	97.50	109.00	115.00	132.00
Sheep	Cwt \$	35.10	52.00	-	-
Lambs	Cwt \$	115.00	114.00	-	-
Milk sold to plants	Cwt \$	15.40	16.20	16.40	15.60
Milk for fluid use	Cwt \$	15.40	16.20	-	15.60
Milk of mfg. grade	Cwt \$	15.20	15.00	-	14.60
Eggs ^{3/}	Doz \$	1.027	0.350	0.329	0.327
FEED PRICE RATIOS					
Hog-corn ratio ^{4/}		17.0	25.1	22.5	25.4

1/ Monthly average except for current month. 2/ Mid-month price for all months. 3/ Fresh market (table) eggs. 4/ Bushels of corn equal in value to 100 pounds of hogs live weight. 5/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

OHIO PLANTED ACRES - 1940 TO 2005

	Corn	Soybeans	Wheat	Oats	All Hay*	5 Crop Total
Thousand Acres						
2005	3,400	4,500	840	65	1,250	10,055
2004	3,350	4,450	920	65	1,190	9,975
2003	3,300	4,300	1,060	80	1,350	10,090
2002	3,250	4,750	860	70	1,320	10,250
2001	3,400	4,600	950	100	1,390	10,440
2000	3,550	4,450	1,120	110	1,280	10,510
1999	3,450	4,600	1,050	120	1,240	10,460
1998	3,550	4,400	1,200	120	1,160	10,430
1997	3,800	4,350	1,180	120	1,250	10,700
1996	3,000	4,500	1,400	120	1,200	10,220
1995	3,300	4,050	1,230	120	1,250	9,950
1990	3,700	3,500	1,300	270	1,400	10,170
1985	4,250	3,900	1,000	340	1,450	10,940
1980	4,150	3,800	1,400	330	1,430	11,110
1975	3,600	3,120	1,725	500	1,510	10,455
1970	3,265	2,570	948	611	1,440	8,834
1965	3,308	2,066	1,359	673	1,853	9,259
1960	3,588	1,514	1,465	1,064	1,937	9,568
1955	3,715	1,193	1,513	1,284	2,395	10,100
1950	3,384	1,090	2,172	1,114	2,563	10,323
1945	3,483	1,077	2,150	1,191	2,560	10,461
1940	3,220	561	1,952	1,048	2,670	9,451

*Current and previous years are harvested only.

OHIO CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARM MARKETINGS, BY MONTHS, 2003 AND 2004

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Month	Livestock		Crops		All Commodities		04/03
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	
Thousand Dollars							
January	138,634	133,937	207,330	397,321	345,964	531,258	153.6
February	92,372	146,400	167,006	257,964	259,378	404,364	155.9
March	139,377	196,117	171,315	253,853	310,693	449,971	144.8
April	146,303	167,365	185,585	197,271	331,889	364,636	109.9
May	142,041	182,515	139,223	131,442	281,265	313,957	111.6
June	137,147	179,436	117,874	138,579	255,021	318,015	124.7
July	148,718	164,986	249,583	231,305	398,301	396,291	99.5
August	164,966	181,799	187,238	160,891	352,204	342,690	97.3
September	169,315	159,480	276,325	247,111	445,640	406,591	91.2
October	166,583	162,071	553,209	698,651	719,792	860,722	119.6
November	176,504	190,070	352,476	377,455	528,980	567,525	107.3
December	169,884	189,148	246,546	253,290	416,429	442,438	106.2
Total	1,791,844	2,053,324	2,853,710	3,345,133	4,645,556	5,398,458	116.2

OHIO CORN, WHEAT AND SOYBEAN STOCKS UP

Corn stocks in all positions in Ohio on March 1, 2005 totaled 285.2 million bushels, 15 percent above the 247.3 million bushels stored on March 1, 2004. On-farm stocks, at 155.0 million bushels accounted for 54 percent of the total stored. Off-farm stocks increased 7.9 million bushels from a year ago to 130.2 million bushels.

Soybean stocks in Ohio totaled 78.8 million bushels on March 1, up 54 percent from last year at this time. On-farm stocks at 42.0 million bushels, accounted for 53 percent of total stocks compared to 37 percent last year. Off-farm stocks increased by 15 percent from March 1, 2004 to 36.8 million bushels.

All wheat stocks totaled 45.4 million bushels on March 1, up nearly 2 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 44.4 million bushels, account for 98 percent of total stocks. On-farm stocks, at 1.0 million bushels were up 67 percent from one year ago.

U.S. corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2005 totaled 6.75 billion bushels, up 28 percent from March 1, 2004. This is the highest March 1 stocks level since 1988. Of the total stocks,

4.14 billion bushels are stored on farms, up 37 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 2.62 billion bushels, are up 17 percent from a year ago. The December 2004 - February 2005 indicated disappearance is 2.70 billion bushels, compared with 2.68 billion bushels during the same period last year.

U.S. soybeans stored in all positions on March 1, 2005 totaled 1.38 billion bushels, up 52 percent from March 1, 2004. Soybean stocks stored on farms are estimated at 795 million bushels, up 123 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 586 million bushels, are up 7 percent from last March. Indicated disappearance for the December 2004 - February 2005 quarter totaled 924 million bushels, up 18 percent from the same period a year earlier.

All U.S. wheat stored in all positions on March 1, 2005 totaled 981 million bushels, down 4 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 305 million bushels, up 18 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 676 million bushels, are down 11 percent from a year ago. The December 2004 - February 2005 indicated disappearance is 449 million bushels, down 10 percent from the same period a year earlier.

GRAIN STOCKS MARCH 1, 2005 WITH COMPARISONS ^{1/}

Crop and Position		OHIO			U.S.		
		Mar. 2004	Dec. 2004	Mar. 2005	Mar. 2004	Dec. 2004	Mar. 2005
(1,000 Bu.)							
Corn	On-farm	125,000	275,000	155,000	3,030,000	6,144,000	4,137,000
	Off-farm	122,300	146,951	130,171	2,241,459	3,306,598	2,616,738
	Total	247,300	421,951	285,171	5,271,459	9,450,598	6,753,738
Soybeans	On-farm	19,000	94,000	42,000	355,900	1,300,000	795,000
	Off-farm	32,075	56,832	36,823	549,947	1,004,640	585,974
	Total	51,075	150,832	78,823	905,847	2,304,640	1,380,974
All wheat	On-farm	600	1,300	1,000	257,890	531,020	304,710
	Off-farm	43,966	55,022	44,356	762,727	899,306	676,304
	Total	44,566	56,322	45,356	1,020,617	1,430,326	981,014
Oats	On-farm	^{2/}	^{2/}	^{2/}	45,600	60,400	43,500
	Off-farm	1,929	1,811	1,719	49,414	44,513	39,026
	Total	^{2/}	^{2/}	^{2/}	95,014	104,913	82,526

1/ Off-farm stocks include stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. 2/ Not published.

OFF-FARM COMMERCIAL GRAIN STORAGE CAPACITY, DECEMBER 1, 2003-2004

County	Capacity		County	Capacity		County	Capacity	
	12/1/03	12/1/04		12/1/03	12/1/04		12/1/03	12/1/04
Thousand Bushels			Thousand Bushels			Thousand Bushels		
Adams	812	812	Hancock	20,202	20,156	Paulding	7,175	6,897
Allen	6,970	7,143	Hardin	5,641	5,641	Perry	177	177
Ashland	2,404	2,404	Harrison	0	5	Pickaway	3,773	3,896
Ashtabula	1,352	1,293	Henry	10,735	10,735	Pike	0	0
Athens	7	7	Highland	1,303	1,334	Portage	1,425	1,425
Auglaize	4,888	4,747	Hocking	2,127	2,127	Preble	4,834	4,818
Belmont	35	35	Holmes	79	79	Putnam	5,395	5,480
Brown	189	189	Huron	9,531	9,531	Richland	2,067	2,067
Butler	2,155	2,155	Jackson	111	111	Ross	2,974	2,978
Carroll	22	22	Jefferson	8	8	Sandusky	4,688	5,487
Champaign	6,518	6,454	Knox	828	832	Scioto	0	0
Clark	4,102	4,102	Lake	0	0	Seneca	5,472	5,463
Clermont	4	4	Lawrence	0	0	Shelby	9,521	9,470
Clinton	6,029	6,469	Licking	5,366	5,370	Stark	483	483
Columbiana	1,123	1,271	Logan	2,179	2,179	Summit	0	0
Coshocton	3,400	3,400	Lorain	1,416	1,418	Trumbull	465	465
Crawford	6,966	7,034	Lucas	60,246	60,358	Tuscarawas	264	264
Cuyahoga	563	563	Madison	3,988	3,988	Union	1,771	1,771
Darke	7,830	7,864	Mahoning	1,357	1,357	Van Wert	9,290	9,356
Defiance	3,032	3,063	Marion	10,786	10,786	Vinton	0	0
Delaware	317	317	Medina	327	241	Warren	513	73
Erie	5,233	5,236	Meigs	0	0	Washington	65	65
Fairfield	445	322	Mercer	4,445	4,462	Wayne	4,661	4,425
Fayette	6,488	6,493	Miami	5,142	5,142	Williams	5,533	5,862
Franklin	9,956	9,956	Monroe	4	4	Wood	13,575	13,575
Fulton	11,740	11,903	Montgomery	4,810	4,810	Wyandot	12,196	12,157
Gallia	0	0	Morgan	0	0			
Geauga	155	155	Morrow	2,634	2,634			
Greene	519	519	Muskingum	1,752	1,752	Ohio	357,061	357,231
Guernsey	8	8	Noble	7	7			
Hamilton	9,864	8,976	Ottawa	2,594	2,594			

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